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## **Starting Friday, April 14, BLM Sets Spring Fire Restrictions**

Las Cruces – Prolonged hot and dry spring weather conditions in southwestern New Mexico have increased the fire danger at lower elevations. As a result, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will enforce fire restrictions to help ensure public safety, prevent wildfires and facilitate fire-suppression.

Until further notice, the fire restrictions cover BLM public lands within the Las Cruces District Office area of New Mexico including Otero, Luna, Dona Ana, Sierra, Grant, and Hidalgo Counties. The Fire Prevention Order was signed today in Las Cruces by District Manager Ed Roberson. The following restrictions will be in place:

- Burning of solid fuels, e.g., firewood and charcoal, are prohibited except for inside established campfire rings and grills within the Aguirre Springs Campground, La Cueva picnic area, and Three Rivers Petroglyph and picnic area. This also includes individuals using petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices that meet fire specifications.
- Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Discharging fireworks or using an explosives requiring fuse blasting caps is prohibited.
- Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrester and without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher is prohibited.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials is prohibited.

“These restrictions will help prevent wildfires during current high fire-danger conditions and keep everyone safe this spring,” said District Manager Ed Roberson.

Contact Steve Bumgarner, BLM Fire Management Officer, at 505.525.4305 for further information.

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